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This suit against Microsoft should be laid to rest as soon as possible. It should have never been brought in the first place. The Justice Department needs to stay out of private squabbles. I vehemently object to public tax dollars being spent by the Justice Department so they can be the private attorneys for companies that have more than enough money to afford their own. The Justice Dept. was led around by the nose by a group of people who made obscene amounts of money that they didn't earn in the Netscape stock run up, and that in itself is a travesty of Justice. If the actions of the Justice Dept. had been successful, we would now be paying significantly more for software we are getting for free. How can the Justice Department claim to bring a suit against a major corporation in the name of protecting the consumer, and the principal complaint is that the company was giving its software away free, instead of overcharging like the companies whose dirty work you were doing? How can you claim to promote competitiveness and innovation, when you organize a lynch mob to squash it? And lets see, the Justice Dept. has plenty of money to hurt the consumer, but when asked to deal with a serious and harmful illegal alien problem in Florida (which directly led to the events of Sept. 11) the pathetic excuse is that we don't have the money or resources. Here's a suggestion for you: CHASE CRIMINALS, NOT CITIZENS. I am beyond disgusted with this.